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NEEDLES MAY BE NEEDLESS

As a Division Point for the Santa Fe—A Gloomy Possibility for the Busy Town of the Desert—May be Sacrificed, If—

Arrangements are complete for the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad to use the Santa Fe tracks between Dagget and Riverside, about ninety-five miles. The documents were signed a few days ago by President E. P. Ripley, for the Santa Fe, and President W. A. Clark for the Salt Lake road, at Ash Fork. The alliance will not be effective until the Clark enterprise is ready to take advantage of the situation. That will be as soon as Senator Clark and his associates have completed the remainder of their enterprise between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City.

It is given out authoritatively that the details include the use by the Clark road of the tracks between the points named on the same terms as are enjoyed by the Santa Fe between Mohave and Bakersfield. The Santa Fe has a lease in the territory named from the Southern Pacific, in exchange for the Sonora road, that was built by the Santa Fe and is operated as a part of the Southern Pacific. The San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad will haul its own trains over the track that has been leased, and Santa Fe trains will not be taken into Salt Lake City under terms of the arrangement made.

From a man in a position to know, it is learned that in the treaty entered into with President E. H. Harriman, whereby Senator W. A. Clark and his associates obtain the southern lines of the Oregon Short Line, control of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad is divided equally between Senator Clark and Mr. Harriman.

Early construction has been planned by the Santa Fe, whereby that system will lessen the mileage between Los Angeles and Chicago. The plan includes a cut-off between Seligman and Cadiz, a distance of about sixty-five miles. The new work will cut off heavy grades in both directions, and may signify the early abandonment of Needles as a division point, although this has not been determined.

"I Want to go Ho-o-o-m-e. Wh-o-o-o-p!"

The SUN office's dinky little coal-oil engine was the means of calling out the entire Flagstaff fire department Tuesday night. The engine, which is a neat little trick, arrived last Saturday from its home in Stamford, Conn., and as some of the SUN's employees really do know enough to pound sand in a rathole (when the directions are on the handle), they turned to, Monday, and put it in position, setting aside the gasoline engine formerly used. They set it up, all right, but no one in the outfit knew how the sulky little brute worked. After several people, and then some, had experimented with it, they finally got it to work. It worked like a man working by the day—under protest—until it finally decided that the best way to quit would be to put it to a popular vote, and about 10 p. m. it set off at a terrific pace, emitting hair-raising whoops from its exhaust-pipe that were a cross between high C in Italian opera, and the short, decisive song of

a navy six with a bad cold. The fire department came flying around the corner and into the office, and the boss made the speech of his life trying to convince them that it wasn't his fault. The marshal set out to run him in on general principles, and the blamed little engine sat there and wheezed in glee, but he thought better of it, and left after sternly cautioning the SUN outfit separately and collectively that Flagstaff people came here to live in peace, not to listen to a crazy Connecticut Wagnerian.

Bids for Heating System.

The board of trustees of the Northern Arizona Normal School met Monday, for the purpose of receiving bids for the putting in of a heating system for the building.

A satisfactory number of bids were received, and the board awarded the contract to Blumve & Jay, of Los Angeles, they having presented, in the opinion of the board, the most favorable bid.

The bids were as follows:

Jurden & Freidlien, of Flagstaff, made three proposals. No. 1, according to plans and specifications furnished, \$5,969.30; No. 2, \$6,801.90; No. 3, \$5,862.25.

Blumve & Jay bid \$6,080, provided sectional boiler was used, and, if tubular boiler was used, \$6,280. The latter bid was the one accepted.

Godfrey Sykes made three proposals on the same lines as the Jurden-Freidlien bids, \$2,997, \$3,738, \$3,442.

The successful bidders have already commenced work, and expect to have the entire work completed by September.

Capt. Sterry's Successor.

T. J. Norton, who has been acting solicitor of the Santa Fe coast lines since the death of Capt. C. N. Sterry, has been appointed his successor.

In October last Mr. Norton was appointed solicitor for Arizona, with offices in Prescott, and a few weeks ago went to Los Angeles to relieve Capt. Sterry who was in ill health, but the day before his arrival in that city Mr. Sterry passed away and Mr. Norton took temporary charge of affairs.

It has been the hope of the friends of Mr. Norton that he would be the successor of Mr. Sterry. He has been the assistant solicitor of the coast lines for two years. He is perhaps the youngest railroad solicitor in the United States and has won his position by his legal ability and tireless energy in his work.

Students on Outing.

A number of eastern college students have organized a party and will take an extended horseback and camping trip through Arizona. The left here this morning, for Turkey Creek, where they will meet their guide, C. M. Sturges, of Phoenix. They expect to visit Camp Verde, Flagstaff, Montezuma Wells, Supai, Grand Canyon and other northern points of interest. The entire trip now planned will probably take two months to complete.

The party comprises A. B. Chase, jr., E. G. Chase, Providence, R. I.; A. N. Talmadge, Netherwood, N. J.; Kenneth Newell Avery, Detroit, Mich.; Walter O. Smith, Flint, Mich.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

WILL BEGIN WORK AT ONCE

Plans for Santa Fe Hotel at Grand Canyon are Approved—it Will Be Under the Management of Fred Harvey.

Plans submitted by Charles F. Whitteley, of Albuquerque, for the new hotel near the head of the Bright Angel trail, Grand Canyon of Arizona, have been finally approved. Work will begin at once. The location selected is in a pine forest, 200 yards east of the present temporary structure, but farther back from the rim. At this point the gorge is 6,000 feet deep and thirteen miles wide.

Bright Angel Tavern, as the new hostelry may be called, will cost about \$100,000. It will be under the management of Fred Harvey.

The Swiss style of architecture has been adopted, native stone and logs being used as far as practicable. A hotel of this kind has been made necessary by the rapidly-increasing travel since the railroad was extended from Williams.

Phoenix Fires.

At least \$10,000 damage was done Thursday morning through the destruction by fire of the freight depot of the Maricopa & Phoenix railroad. It is believed the fire was due to spontaneous combustion in a bundle of waste. The flames spread to two loaded freight cars, which were destroyed in a few moments. Several cases of oil and a couple of ammonia tanks exploded, blowing out the brick walls of the building.

Most of the freight was held at consigners' risk. It included three pianos and several gas engines from Los Angeles.

Thursday evening there was an alarm from a residence in the west end of town, occupied by the family of Felix Leclair. A little girl had filled a lamp with gasoline by mistake, and when lighted it exploded, blowing Mr. Leclair through the door, but injuring no one. The fire was put out. An hour later the same house was found to be in flames, and the family in bed. All escaped, but the entire contents were burned, including new furniture and piano.

Wealth Produced by the United Verde.

When in the year 1888 Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, purchased the United Verde, he had not even the faintest idea that he had become the owner of one of the half-dozen greatest copper mines in the world. Senator Clark bought, as he believed, a small gold and silver mine, and not being as wealthy in those days as he is now, he was not at all sure but that he had paid more for the property than it was worth. It is interesting to know that out of the "small gold and silver mine" about \$90,000,000 worth of copper has been taken, with, in all probability, just as many millions more, and more than that, still to take out.—Mining Review.

N. G. Layton, territorial superintendent of public schools, spent Monday and Tuesday here on business connected with the Northern Normal in his capacity as chairman of the board of trustees. He returned to Phoenix Tuesday, and will meet the board of the Tempe Normal this week.

Filed for Record.

The following instruments were filed for record, since May 22, 1903, in the office of the county recorder:

D. M. Barringer et al, twelve locations for Standard Iron company.

Chattel mortgage, Z. J. Stagner to J. B. Tanner.

Deed to real estate, C. F. Juden to Francisco Sanchez.

Deed to real estate, Santa Fe Pacific railroad company to United States.

Patent to homestead, United States to Thomas W. Brookbank.

Bill of sale, Delabarre & Manly to Babbitt Bros.

Warranty deed, F. M. Livermore and wife to Frank C. Reid.

Warranty deed, S. E. Thomas to F. C. Reid.

Quit-claim deed, F. C. Reid and wife to United States.

Chattel mortgage, J. F. Hochderffer to George Hochderffer.

Mortgage, F. J. Hochderffer to George Hochderffer.

Deed, Arizona Central Bank to Daniel Hogan.

J. B. Tanner files three mining locations in Grand Canyon district.

Chattel mortgage, May Bryant to Hallwood Cash Register company.

Warranty deed, Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company to Ella Lind.

Release of real estate mortgage, John Archer to S. E. Thomas.

Quit-claim deed, H. B. Smith to Mary M. Smith.

Bill of sale, Tom Burkes to Ida M. Burkes.

Chattel mortgage, Ida May Burkes to Martin Buggeln.

Patent of homestead, United States to heirs of Ellis Van Vliet.

Warranty deed, Mrs. E. M. Clark and A. F. Miller to Hugh Anderson.

Writ of attachment, Babbitt Bros. vs. Edward Smith, Indian trading post.

Realty mortgage, Hugh Anderson to E. M. Clark and A. F. Miller.

Wm. T. Keibard Adjudged Insane.

Wm. T. Keibard was adjudged insane in the probate court Thursday. He has been a resident of Williams for the past eight years, and was at one time one of the promoters of the copper-mining schemes of the Grand Canyon. While it was not on as large a scale as the Lombard, Goode & Co. scheme, it resulted as disastrously to Keibard and his friends. Recently Keibard has developed a mild form of kleptomania, and the authorities at Williams gave him a thirty-days' jail sentence. Sheriff Johnson will leave today with Keibard for the territorial insane asylum, where it is hoped the treatment will restore to him a healthy mind.

Election of Officers.

Flagstaff Lodge, No. 13, A. O. U. W., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: G. N. Baty, Master Workman; W. H. Switzer, Foreman; L. W. Quinlan, Overseer; Scott T. Linn, Recorder; Clark Hitt, Financier; W. H. Norman, Receiver; Henry C. Hibben, Trustee.

The lodge is having an increase in membership which is due to the efforts of J. R. Burton, district deputy grand master workman. During the past two weeks twenty-three new members have been initiated, and next Thursday night another class will be initiated.